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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW'S PRC VISIT

REF: HONG KONG 5419, HONG KONG 5725

DURING HIS MAY 10-14 STAG IN PEKING, PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE CONFIDED SUBSTANCE OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH CHINESE LEADERS TO ANY DIPLOMATS OR CORRESPONDENTS BASED IN PEKING. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BITS TO REFTELS MAY BE HELPFUL IN ANY TALKS YOU MIGHT HAVE WITH GOS OFFICIALS.

A) MEETING WITH MAO LASTED FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES, ABOUT THE SAME LENGTH OF TIME AS MAO'S MEETING WITH NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER MULDOON. IN THE TELEVISION CLIP OF THE MEETING WITH LEE, MAO LOOKED ABOUT THE SAME AS HE HAS FOR THE PAST FEW MEETINGS, I.E. NOT GOOD AT ALL. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, LEE HAD BEEN TOLD SOON AFTER ARRIVING IN PEKING THAT MAO, FOR HEALTH REASONS, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE HIM. MUCH LATER HE LEARNED THAT THE CHAIRMAN WAS WELL ENOUGH TO SEE HIM.

B) NCNA AND PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIED ONLY A SHORT INNOC-
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UOUS SECTION OF LEE'S RETURN BANQUET SPEECH. REUTERS,

HOWEVER, QUOTED LEE AS SAYING SOME TOUGH THINGS ON
NON-INTERFERENCE.

C) SOVIETS ARE PUSHING STORY AROUND TOWN THAT LEE WAS
FRONTING FOR THE NATIONALIST CHINESE OR FOR INDONESIA
BUT THEY DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE STIRRED UP ANY INTEREST
IN THEIR STORY.

D) AFTER DEPARTING PEKING, LEE VISITED TACHAI, SIAN, YENAN,
SHANGHAI, WUHSI, KWEILIN, AND CANTON.
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